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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE COMM/TECH HUTSON. HUTSON DOES NOT WISH TO TAKE MOSCOW ASSIGNMENT UNLESS WIFE, WHO EXPECTING FIRST CHILD IN MARCH, CAN ARRIVE MOSCOW NO LATER THAN MID-NOVEMBER. HUTSON APPRECIATES HOUSING PROBLEMS AT POST AND DOES NOT WISH TO CAUSE UNDUE BURDEN, HOWEVER, HE WAS FORMERLY ASSIGNED AS ROVING COMMUNICATOR IN AFRICA AND HE ACCEPTED THE MOSCOW ASSIGNMENT SO THAT HE AND WIFE WOULD NO LONGER BE SEPARATED. IF THIS CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR YOU, OC IS WILLING TO BREAK ASSIGNMENT OF ANOTHER COMM/TECH NAMED MARCONI WHO IS SINGLE, RECEIVED SAME TRAINING AS HUTSON AND IS WILLING TO GO IN HUTSON'S PLACE. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE HUTSON IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE HERE NEXT WEEK AND WE WILL NEED TO GET VISA FOR MARCONI.

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2. PER WOULD LIKE TO SOUND OUT JEFF WHITE OR DON HAYES ON POSSIBILITY OF THEIR REPLACING HULINGS IN SUMMER 78, FREEING UP MASON (FSI) TO REPLACE KELLY. WE REALIZE WHITE IS INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENTAL ASSIGNMENT, AND WE GATHER HAYES PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE RECEPTIVE, BUT, IF YOU AGREE, WE ARE INCLINED TO LET PER TRY IT OUT ON THEM.

3. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT ANN GRIFFIN (GARMISCH) IS MARRYING AND SEEKING TO BREAK HER ASSIGNMENT VICE BYRNES SUMMER 78. IF YOU AGREE, PER PROPOSES JUDY MANDEL AS REPLACEMENT. SHE WOULD END HER INR TOUR AT THAT TIME, AND WE UNDERSTAND SHE STILL DESIRES A MOSCOW ASSIGNMENT. HUSBAND WOULD TRAVEL AS DEPENDENT.

4. FOR TRACY FROM LEVITSKY: RE OUR TELECON ABOUT THE UNESCO CONFERENCE AND EMBASSY ASSISTANCE, WHEN WE EXPLAINED THE EMBASSY'S SITUATION TO OIC AND TOLD THEM OF MY CONVERSATION WITH YOU, THEY CLAIMED A MISUNDERSTANDING. THEY SAID THEIR ONLY CONCERN WAS FOR TWO TYPEWRITERS WORTH 1,600 DOLS AND THAT THEY WERE ONLY ASKING IF SOMEONE COULD MEET PENELOPE WILLIAMS, HELP HER THROUGH CUSTOMS, AND STORE THE TWO CRATED TYPEWRITERS DURING HER TWO DAYS OF CONSULTATION (WHICH EMBASSY HAS APPROVED) BEFORE SHE GOES DOWN TO TBILISI. THEY ALSO NOTE THAT BARBARA ALLEN AND JOHN KATZKA WILL BE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE AS EMBASSY OBSERVERS. WE DID NOT CLEAR A CABLE WHICH WOULD HAVE PUT THIS TO YOU OFFICIALLY, BUT SAID WE WOULD CHECK TO SEE IF EITHER OF THE TWO OFFICERS INVOLVED WOULD BE WILLING TO LEND A HAND. COULD THE TWO TYPEWRITERS BE LEFT IN ONE OF THEIR APARTMENTS? OIC SAYS THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER REQUESTS IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCE. FOR INSTANCE, ONE OTHER PERSON WITH OUR DELEGATION WHO IS COMING WITH FOOT-LOCKER OF SUPPLIES WILL MAKE HER OWN ARRANGEMENTS IN

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MOSCOW. WILLIAMS ARRIVES MOSCOW ON SATURDAY VIA PANAM. PLEASE LET US KNOW OCT 6.

5. JOHN REILLY, CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, HAS ASKED DIFFIDENTLY WHETHER IT WOULD BE AT ALL POSSIBLE FOR THE POL COUNSELOR OR ANOTHER POLITICAL OFFICER TO BRIEF A GROUP OF ABOUT 100 MORNING OF OCTOBER 22 (SATURDAY). HE FULLY APPRECIATES PROBLEMS CAUSED BY FIRE AND KNOWS BRIEFING WOULD HAVE TO BE OUTSIDE EMBASSY AT PLACE ARRANGED BY GROUP. LET ME KNOW HOW YOU REGARD THESE REQUESTS IN GENERAL AS WELL AS THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR SO I CAN FEND OFF IN FUTURE IF YOU SO DESIRE. CHRISTOPHER

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